



THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF DENTON §

AFFIDAVIT REGARDING GIFT(S) RECEIVED

The City of Denton Ethics Ordinance sets guidelines for ethical behavior by City Officials. One of the provisions of the ordinance is that City Officials are prohibited from accepting gifts over \$50 and no more than \$200 per year. Below is the section of the ordinance governing gift acceptance:

- (b) **Gifts.**
- (1) *General.* It shall be a violation of this Article for a City Official to accept any gift that might reasonably tend to influence such Officer in the discharge of official duties.
 - (2) *Specific.* It shall be a violation of this Article for a City Official to accept any gift for which the fair market value is greater than fifty dollars (\$50.00). It shall be a violation of this Article for a City Official to accept multiple gifts for which the cumulative fair market value exceeds two hundred dollars (\$200.00) in a single fiscal year.
 - (3) It shall be a violation of this Article for a Vendor to offer or give a Gift to a City Official exceeding fifty dollars (\$50.00) per gift, or multiple gifts cumulatively valued at more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per a single fiscal year.
 - (4) *Definition of Gift.* Anything of monetary value, including but not limited to cash, personal property, real property, services, meals, entertainment, and travel expenses.

The purpose of this form is to document instances where City Officials choose to accept a gift. Copies of this form will be kept by the City Auditor as a part of their compliance function.

I, _____, as a City Official of the City of Denton, a Texas home rule municipal corporation, make this affidavit and hereby on oath state the following:

I have a received a gift valued individually or cumulatively at \$_____, which exceeds the acceptable limit prescribed by the City of Denton Ethics Ordinance.

The gift received is an exception from the Ethics Ordinance requirements as it falls in one of the following categories (mark as applicable):

- _____ a lawful campaign contribution;
- _____ meals, lodging, transportation, entertainment, and related travel expenses paid for (or reimbursed by) the City in connection with my attendance at a conference, seminar or similar event, or the coordinator of the event;
- _____ meals, lodging, transportation, or entertainment furnished in connection with public events, appearances, or ceremonies related to official City business, nonprofit functions, or charity functions, or community events, if furnished by the sponsor of such events (who was in attendance);
- _____ complimentary copies of trade publications and other related materials;
- _____ attendance at hospitality functions at local, regional, state, or national association meetings and/ or conferences;

_____ any gift that would have been offered or given to me because of a personal, familial, professional relationship regardless of my professional capacity with the City;
_____ tee shirts, caps, and other similar promotional material; and
_____ complimentary attendance at political, nonprofit, or charitable fund-raising events.

The potential violation of the Ethics Ordinance is cured as (mark as applicable):

_____ I have donated the gift I received to the City of Denton or _____ (a nonprofit organization) on _____ (date of conveyance);

_____ I have promptly reimbursed the Person giving the gift the actual cost or fair market value of the gift on _____ (date of reimbursement).

Description of Gift:

This disclosure, to the best of my knowledge and belief is true, correct, and complete. Upon the filing of this affidavit with the City Auditor, or Acting City Auditor, I affirm that I have taken proper actions such that the above transaction will not influence me in the discharge of my official duties.

Signed this day of, _____.

Signature of Public Official
Title